



## SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

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The spring season is full of transformations. The temperature rises to a more bearable degree, opposing Mother Nature's last few months of freezing surroundings. The leaves we saw fall and flowers we saw wilt are now budding into lush, green, picture-perfect plants. Aside from the weather's transformations that occur in the spring season, we are transforming our lives, too.

When spring rolls into our lives, we start to pick up the slack that winter instilled inside us of becoming sloths. That New Year's resolution to join the gym starts being enforced, so you're sure to have your bikini bod back in time for your beach vacation. No more lounging on the couch all day watching football – in the spring you can gather friends together for our own games.

Take this spring season as a chance to participate in some community service, tending to our environment as well as yourself. Help write the chapter of new beginnings this spring in creating positive outcomes for all areas of nature, and our health.

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*There is always something happening in the hive. We never seem to give ourselves enough credit, and with that in mind, this section of our newsletter will highlight those people who make Simonds better!*



### **Old Yearbooks!**

Still searching for that special gift for a friend, relative, or even yourself? The Simonds Alumni Committee still has yearbooks from most years (only a few years are sold out). What a memorable gift that would make! Where else can you get such a special gift for \$25 (no tax)? For more information or to see if your year is still available contact Judy Chapman  
[chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca)  
 or anyone on the Alumni!

### **Simonds Memorial Grove**

Over several years Simonds has planted trees in memory of several teachers and students who have passed away. Recently, the Simonds Alumni decided to partner with the school Environmental Club and couple of local businesses to plan some improvements to the school grounds. This initiative will take place over a couple years. As part of this plan, we are hoping to have some more trees donated and planted in our Memorial Grove. We are seeking individuals or grad-class years who wish to donate a tree in memory of one or more individuals. We invite classes who are planning reunions for this or upcoming years to please consider placing a memorial tree in the grove. What a beautiful way in which to remember a classmate/friend/family member. The approximate cost of a tree is \$100. As determined by funds, some trees will be ordered in early May; planting of these trees in the grove will occur in mid to the end of May. Yellow maples with a backdrop of green climbing vines will showcase our green and gold school colours. Other plans to improve the school grounds include an improved "landscaped" area with flowerS and benches in front of C building, improvements to current benches, increased tree wind-block around the sports field and more. Please message Judy Chapman ([chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca)) or any member of the Alumni Committee if you would like to make a donation and be a part of this worthwhile initiative to give back to your school.

### **Retired Teacher?**

*There is still a lot to talk about! Why not get together with those you taught with for years?! Here is your chance!*

The group of retired teachers from Simonds usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:30 PM for lunch and socializing. Lots of activities are planned and a great time is had by all. Be sure to call us and attend a few of the events. More information will follow in future newsletters!

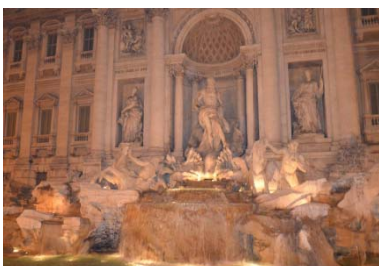
If you are interested in further details, please contact Cathy MacDonald ([ceileenm@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:ceileenm@nb.sympatico.ca)).



### **Alumni Abroad**

*Ever wanted to travel overseas but had no one to go with you? Well turn back the clock and head across the ocean with your old classmates!*

Another adult Eurotrip is being organized by Judy Chapman; this trip will be to Venice, Florence & Rome (9 days) with a possible 2-day extension to Sorrento/Capri. Judy has organized 17 trips to Europe and 5 trips to New York for Simonds' students and is inviting any interested alumni to join our adult travel group. Italy is such a popular destination - so many icons from the Coliseum in Rome to a canal ride in Venice...and who doesn't LOVE the best pizza, pasta and gelato! The departure date will be September 27, 2014; this should be a perfect time of year to visit Italy! Only a couple of places remain for this tour to these very popular destinations. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Judy ASAP at [chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca) or 847-3241 for more details. A tour to Spain is being planned for 2015.



## **Upcoming Simonds' Reunions:**

**Class of 1974** - The Class of 1974 reunion committee is completing plans for their plans for their 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion for June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Simonds High School on Hickey Rd. Please email Cindy (O'Keefe) McDevitt at [cindymcdevitt@rogers.com](mailto:cindymcdevitt@rogers.com) your current mailing address and those of any classmates with whom you have kept in contact who do not access social media. A memory board will also be posted for those classmates who have passed away; please include the names of any of whom you are aware so that no one will be missed. For those who access social media, there is a special face book page called "Simonds High School Class of 74 Reunion" and the administrator is Lori Degrace-Burnside. Registration for this reunion is due no later than April 30th. It is important to register early so they will know how many for whom to prepare (purchase liquor, etc).

**Class of 1979** - The Class of 1979 is planning on having a 35<sup>th</sup> reunion on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Bourbon Quarter on Prince William Street. More details will be forthcoming soon. Please join their group (Simonds High School Class of 1979) on face book and stay tuned on the Simonds High School Alumni face book page. Invitations to the Class of '79 reunion were mailed early in April and the committee is diligently working on tracking down the last few class members.

**Class of 1984** - The Class of 1984 is planning their 30<sup>th</sup> reunion for Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Police Union Office, 8 Charlotte Street in Saint John. There will be a \$5.00 cover charge to cover the cost of a variety of light food that will be provided. A cash bar will be available. Grads from 1984 are invited to join the face book group Simonds High School, Class of 1984, 30th reunion...2014 to reconnect with your classmates and find out more reunion details as they become available.

**Class of 2004** - The 10-year reunion for the Class of 2004 will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at the Loch Lomond Villa Lions Auditorium. Details so far are as follows: From 7pm to 9pm it will be a Meet and Greet with snacks, awards, and a Blast from the Past! This will be followed by a Dance from 9pm to 1am. Cash bar and lots of door prizes will be available. Ticket details will be known soon. Grads, guests, and teachers are welcome. More details will be posted on the SHS website, on the Simonds High School Alumni face book site and on the Simonds High School Class of 2004 - Reunion! facebook site when they become available.

**If you know of any other SHS reunions planned this year, please email the details to someone on the Alumni Committee and / or post on the Simonds High Alumni face book page. We will help you advertise your reunion and connect with your classmates.**

# Simonds High School Grad Class of 2004

## 10 YEAR REUNION!

**Loch Lomand Villa:  
Simonds Lions Club Auditorium**

**Saturday, June 21st 7:00pm - 1:00am**

**Door prizes, dance, snacks, and more!**

**Join us on Facebook by searching "Simonds High School Class of 2004"**

Tickets available at SHS or online by email  
money transfer to [simonds2004@gmail.com](mailto:simonds2004@gmail.com)

**Tickets: \$15**

Purchase deadline: May 31st

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Seabees Home & Away (or Milestones) is compiled from submissions from our readers who have submitted items by letter, email or phone as well as various public sources.

These submissions will always refer to Simonds' alumni; they will generally be about family milestones (births, deaths, new job opportunities, marriages, moves, appointments, accomplishments, etc). We welcome your information for future newsletters. If possible, please try to include your graduation year with your submission.

Please address any entries to Judy Chapman (chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca) or Tammy Kilpatrick (tamkil@yahoo.ca). Alternately, entries may be mailed to Simonds High Alumni, 1490 Hickey Road, Saint John, NB, E2J 4E7 or sent as a message through our facebook group, Simonds High School Alumni.

**Stephen Chase Bauer** (1970) of Saint John, NB, passed away of a massive heart attack on April 4, 2014. Stephen worked for Canada Post, TD Canada Trust, and recently, for Xerox. He is survived by his wife Valerie, 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

**Rory McPhee** (2009), a 3<sup>rd</sup> year psychology student at UNBSJ recently was awarded a \$3000 Peter Kent Society Scholarship to study courses in Classics and History in Rome for 3 weeks this spring.

**Carly Baxter** (2010), after completing an undergraduate degree, was accepted into Dalhousie Medicine Saint John beginning in the fall of 2014. Carly is an extremely bright lady and hard-worker. She is looking forward to the challenge of studying to be a doctor.

**James Hicks** (2003) and his fiancée, **Megan Parkhill** (2004) welcomed their daughter, Rachel Sarah-Leigh on April 11, 2014 in Saint John. Rachel is a sister for big brother, Dylan, age 3. James is finishing his studies at Dalhousie Dental School.

**Megan Ougler** (2011) will be participating in the Travel Study Program offered through UNB College of Extended Learning. She will be travelling to Poitier and Paris, France with 21 other students and 2 professors from UNB to study this May. She has been awarded a \$3000 Travel Study Award to participate in this study/educational travel experience.

**Krystal Dawne (Hunter) Robinson** (2010) married Jeremy Robinson in December 2013. They have a son, Alden.

**Jeremy Arrowsmith** (2006) and Melissa Brien are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Aubree Mae, born September 1, 2013. Jeremy, a 2011 graduate of UNB, is now manager at Maritime Auto Radiator Works in Saint John.

**Corey Stevens** (2005), student at Dalhousie Medical School New Brunswick, was the recipient of a 2013 NB Medical Education Trust Scholarship (Astra Zenica Scholarship) valued at \$12 000.

**Sharon (Butt) Cameron** (1979) was appointed Workman's Compensation Board Chief Executive Officer about 3 years ago; she has a wealth of expertise in the workplace safety and compensation system in PEI. Ms. Cameron also served as a provincial Deputy Minister in Community Services, Seniors and Labour in that province. Prior to her public service tenure, Sharon had a career in educational administration and student services, co-chairing a federal / provincial youth employment strategy committee and representing PEI at the Canadian Career Consortium. Ms. Cameron obtained a B.A. and B.Ed. from Dalhousie University and is a very active volunteer in many services in PEI.

**Joe Sanford** (2008) was recognized as one of the 2014 Sir Howard Douglas Scholars by the University of New Brunswick. Joe, who graduated with a B. Sc. in 2012 and worked in the office of Saint John mayor Norton during the summer of 2013, is now pursuing a B. A. in History and Political Science. This award annually recognizes outstanding undergraduate students in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year and above who have achieved academic excellence along with active participation in extra- or co-curricular activities. Recipients become members of the Sir Douglas Howard Society of Scholars which promotes, cultivates and encourages members to strive for the motto – Not for Ourselves Alone. Joe is also a Corporate Account Manager at Sykes Enterprises in Saint John and is the proud father of a son.

**Rebecca Lynn Benson** (2011) and Keith Brideau are celebrating the birth of their son, Anthony, who was born on April 11, 2014. Anthony is a baby brother for sister, Aaliyah.

**Jenna (Brown) Robichaud** (2004) and Justin Robichaud welcomed a baby girl, Isabella Hallie on December 15, 2013. Jenna is a pharmacist at the Saint John Regional Hospital and Justin is a Barrack Green Armory Garrison Recruiter in Saint John.

**Vanna Dufour** (2006), currently residing in Vancouver, BC, will be leaving shortly to teach English in Seoul, Korea.

**Shawn Godwin** (2003) and fiancée, MaryLynn Kieu welcomed a beautiful daughter, Mya, into their family in April 2014. Shawn is an Associate Consultant at Investors Group Financial Services in Saint John, NB.

**Frances Maureen Dunphy**, who taught at Simonds Regional High School (Bayside Drive) passed away on March 1, 2014. Maureen's teaching career took her from St. Dunstan's School in Fredericton to Simonds High School and St. Rose School in Saint John. She passed her love of reading on to her students through the English courses she taught. In her retirement, she generously volunteered at Romero House and her church. As well, she enjoyed travelling to Ireland and the Holy Land.

**Karen (Josselyn) Pattman** (2001) and husband, Greg, have a new daughter, Scarlett, born on March 5, 2014. They make their home in Saint John. Karen is a teacher at St. Malachy's High School.

**Christa Lee (Cameron) Wisted** (1989) passed away unexpectedly on March 3, 2014 in Saint John. Christa is survived by 2 children and her husband, Tom Wisted. She got great pleasure from music, bingo and karaoke; she also enjoyed keeping in touch with family and friends through face book.

**Julie (Godwin) Kobrynovich** (2000) and her husband, Mike Kobrynovich were thrilled to welcome a new daughter, Aria, in February 2014. They reside in Ontario where Julie is a physiotherapist and Mike, an investment consultant.

**Shantel McCracken** (2013) had dreams to travel since she travelled to Europe twice with Simonds High. Now a B.Sc. student at UNBSJ, she continues her studies through UNB's Travel Study Program in Berlin, Germany this summer. During the 3-wk program, she will be taking a class on the German language, as well as a class on the history of Berlin. Shantel received a \$3000 travel study scholarship + additional \$500 award. She's looking forward to the experience as "the adventure of a lifetime".

**Courtney Thompson** (2010) has an outstanding record in her 4<sup>th</sup> season with the Dalhousie Tigers basketball team. At Dalhousie University where she is studying Commerce, she has been an academic All-Canadian for the past two years and is on the university's Dean's list. On their basketball team, she has earned numerous accolades; she finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in AUS scoring and assists per game and was named to the conference's second all-star team, in which she was named a tournament all-star. Her free throw record this season has been hard to beat – 94.2% - the highest in Atlantic University Sport since data became available in 2006! That record is better than that held by Canadian superstar, Steve Nash, or hall of famer, Larry Joe Bird of the Boston Celtics! Courtney will continue to train this summer while she works with Irving Oil in Saint John and before she travels with her team to Germany on an educational /exhibition game tour at the end of the summer. She will return to Dalhousie next year, continuing to play competitive basketball and to finish her degree.

**Katey (Wilson) Day** (1987) has been successfully pursuing her career in music. She is a phenomenal & passionate singer and well-known guitar-player in all the Maritime Provinces. She has a successful career – both solo, and with a group. Her bluesy-style has rocked many a club and festival. Katey also had a stint as a radio show host in Halifax. Recently, she became CEO of a burgeoning East Coast company, Anica Productions. She has written a rock opera called Deception, which will be Anica's first production. For it, she wrote the script, the music and lyrics and is now in the process of directing it. This production will open at the Imperial Theatre in Saint John on May 23, 2014...and continue on to Fredericton, Moncton, Truro and Halifax. She promises some fantastic talent will be displayed. Why not check out her rock opera at a theatre near you?

**Andrea Organ**

Graduating in 1998, Andrea now lives in Fort McMurray, AB. She is currently a grade 6 teacher and is also a Stella & Dot stylist. Married 10 years, she has two little boys ages 4 & 6. Andrea has travelled to London, England a few years ago on a trip she won and also visited Vegas three times in an 18mth span. A current trip to the Mayan Riviera is in the works! Andrea's favorite teacher was Mr. Laskey and her biggest accomplishments would be her two degrees (BA, B.Ed) and her home and family. Andrea's favorite memory from high school was of the Provincial Rugby game in 1997, "heart breaking ending, but what a memory". Craziest adventure was getting lost in the ghetto of Detroit without a GPS a couple miles away from 8 mile.

**Alisha Anderson**

Graduating in 2000, Alisha still resides in Saint John. She currently owns her own Professional Quality Cosmetic Line. Currently unmarried and no children, Alisha has enjoyed visiting places like Jamaica, Florida and Toronto. Her favorite teacher from high school was Mr. Dumas, along with her favorite memory of school being her graduation. Her biggest accomplishment was starting her own business.

**Christine Tulk Merrall**

Graduated in 1995 and is currently living in Calgary, AB. Christine works as a Realtor for the #1 team in Calgary. Her biggest accomplishment is being one of the top realtors for the last couple years. She has been married for 14 years and has two children ages 8 & 9. Christine has enjoyed travelling to Mexico. Her favorite teacher was Ms. Hughes and she has so many great memories of Simonds High!

**Sandra Kilpatrick Miller**

Sandra graduated in 1986 and is now living in Barnesville, NB. She is the Owner & Designer of her own Floral company, "Sandra Miller Floral Designs", Quispamsis, NB. Sandra is married to Glenn Miller and has a 19 year old son, Travis Edgett. Sandra has done some travelling, mostly the Caribbean and some States. Her favorite teacher was Mr. Branscombe. Sandra's favorite memory from school are her friends, most of whom she is still in contact with. Her biggest accomplishments are enjoying a happy marriage and watching her son grow up, and going to a job she loves every day. Opening the flower shop was a pretty crazy story and she invites everyone to stop in anytime if you would like to hear it....even one of her former teachers worked for her for a while!

**Todd Mills**

Is living in Truro Heights, NS. He graduated in 1987 and is now a Paramedic and Fire Chief. Todd has a daughter 18 & a son 16 and has been married 23 years. Todd has travelled to Cuba and the motorcycle trip to US. And when asked about most embarrassing moment, his response "I plead the 5<sup>th</sup>" Mrs. Smith was his favorite teacher and his greatest accomplishments are his family and obtaining the rank of Chief. Todd's greatest memory of high school are his friends. His wildest adventure was the motorcycle trip to the US - 3500 miles in 7 days!! Todd responded to the Swiss Air crash, the Stewiacke train wreck, Hurricane Juan, White Juan, has been an EMS and Fire educator, high angle rescue tech, open water diver, motorcycle enthusiast, and raised 2 great kids and stayed married for 23yrs :-)

**Douglas J. Brown**

Is living in Montreal, QC. He graduated in 1984 and is now head of an engineering division North America of a communications company. Douglas is a single Dad of an 11 year old girl and was married but says he is grateful for where he is now. Douglas travelled around the world a few times. He lived in Europe and the States. He enjoyed his times in the Asia Pacific region, Europe and South America. His favorite memory of school was getting rated by the girls as he walked through the breezeway between the buildings. "I only got a 3!!" His favorite teachers were Smilin' Milan and Rocking Ralph! His daughter is his best accomplishment. His favorite memory of school was closing the door on his way out after the graduation ceremony. "Oh one of the teachers, she was quite hot! LOL" One of his wildest adventures was spending 3 months roaming around India in the mid 90's. He lived in Florida just prior to going to India. "Talk about a culture shock. Played with orphans who had polio. I began to appreciate just how good we have it living in a developed nation no matter how bad we seem to think we have it."

**Kimberly Donovan** graduated in 1979 and is now living in Port Credit, Mississauga. She works in National sales & training for Orlane Paris. She has 1 son who is 30 years old and is happily divorced. Kimberly has travelled to an extensive list of places. Her favorite teacher was Mrs Forrest. Her biggest accomplishment was raising her son.

**Jay MacDonald**

Is living in Saint John, NB, and graduated in 1985. He is a self-employed IT consultant. Jay is divorced and has 2 children ages 13 & 16. Jay has traveled to UK for work a few times. His favorite teacher was George Little. Jay graduated with Honors from BITS program at NBCCSJ. His favorite memory is working at the Res in the summer time when this beautiful blonde named Mary Jo Murphy came down and asked him out on a date. Jay's wildest adventure was a lifeguard competition trip in Edmonton in 1988(?).

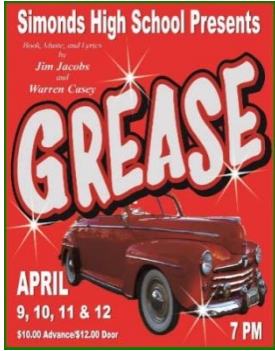
**Michael Adams**

is now living in Edmonton, AB and graduated in 1994. Michael is a Soldier in the Canadian Armed Forces, is happily married for 8 years and has 2 boys ages 16 & 6. Michael travelled to Europe and got stuck in Spain. His most embarrassing moment would be his terrible mustache. His favorite teacher was Mr. Laskey. His biggest accomplishment was returning home somewhat fully safe and together from 3 tours in Afghanistan. Michael's favorite memories from high school are Football and Rugby along with any moment with Scott McNamee....that was an adventure in itself!!



On Saturday, February 8, 2014, the Simonds Alumni Committee hosted a Valentine's Dance in the school cafeteria. About 200 people of a variety of ages and from several grad classes were in attendance. In addition to dancing and reconnecting with fellow alumni, people could dress up and take pics of themselves or of groups of friends in our crazy photo booth. People danced the night away and a good time was had by all! As this proved to be a very successful alumni event, we are hoping to have another dance ~ with a Harvest theme ~ probably on October 18th. So, please save the date, spread the word to your friends and plan on joining us for a good time!





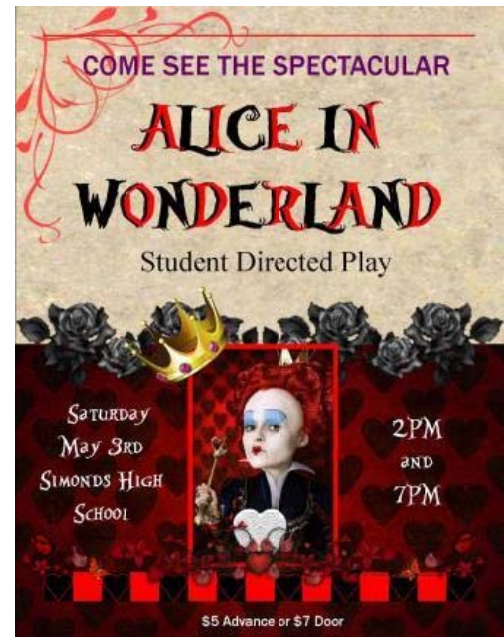
The production of Grease went on without a hitch! Had a great turnout all 4 days. Thank you to all the kids who took part and to the numerous volunteers that were able to make it happen. Looking forward to the next one!

May, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Trades & Tech Gal	30 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Volleyball Game -	1 9:00 am No School 9:00 am Graduation 6:00 pm Volleyball G	2 9:00 am - 3:30 pm No School	3
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Inclusiveness Award

SHS Alumni salutes Mark Murchison (1976), a current teacher at Simonds and long-time coach of the school swim team. On February 19, 2014 the Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL) recognized ten New Brunswick individuals, schools and organizations with 2013 Inclusive Education Awards during a ceremony at Government House. Mr. Murchison and the SHS swim team were recognized by the Honourable Graydon Nicholas, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick and the patron of NBACL. In his many years of coaching, Mark has never refused a student from joining. He will stop at nothing to ensure the success of his students, including enlisting the aid of others to provide support when needed. This includes not only fellow teammates, but also the school's resource and guidance team or an Educational Assistant or other outside professionals. The result is a wonderful bond among all the team members, where everyone's successes are celebrated. Congratulations to Mr. Murchison and the Simonds' Swim Team on their award and for being inclusive to all students.



Blast from the Past!!  
  
1974 District Champions

**Join the Alumni**  
Take a moment and be certain you register your email address with [simondshighalumni@gmail.com](mailto:simondshighalumni@gmail.com). Be sure to include your full (maiden if applicable) name and the year you graduated. This email and the Simonds High Alumni Facebook page will be the primary way we will communicate information and events with you. Don't delay, send the email and join our Facebook group today and get your name on the list.  
  
Always looking for new members of our Alumni Committee! If you can volunteer some of your time, we would love to have you onboard!



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Message from the Alumni President

